



**Steve Bullock, Governor**

**Sheila Hogan, Director**

May 29, 2020

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]  
[Title]  
[Company Name]  
[Address Line 1]  
[City], [State] [Zip Code]

**Re: Medicaid Reimbursement for COVID-19 Testing**

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

With the current state of emergency that exists in the State of Montana and across the nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is providing additional direction regarding Medicaid reimbursement for COVID-19 testing that is occurring across Montana.

We fully understand that tribal governments have taken the necessary steps and measures to ensure their membership remain healthy and unaffected by this virus and to find ways to limit its spread across the state. Tribal Governments and Indian Health Service have partnered with Governor Bullock and the department to conduct mass community testing events on each of the reservations to help identify asymptomatic individuals who may actually be carrying the virus. As a result, we have had many inquiries related to Medicaid reimbursements for the work being performed at these testing sites.

Montana Medicaid will provide reimbursement to Tribes and IHS for these efforts for those members who are Medicaid eligible. Tribes and IHS can bill for the services with the appropriate laboratory revenue code and one of the appropriate procedure codes listed below:

- G2023: Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), any specimen source.
- G2024: Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), from an individual in a skilled nursing facility or by a laboratory on behalf of a home health agency, any specimen source.

We value the partnership we share with you and it is important we work together to keep Montanans safe, mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure reduced exposure and transmission. The department is committed to responding to your needs in these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Lisa James, IHS/Tribal 638 Section Supervisor, at (406) 444-5778 or by email at [Lisa.James@mt.gov](mailto:Lisa.James@mt.gov) or Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, at (406) 444-1813 [levers@mt.gov](mailto:levers@mt.gov). Stay safe and well.

Respectfully,

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State Medicaid Director

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